

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 622

By Hood

A RESOLUTION to recognize Murfreesboro Police Commissioner,
Bill Jones, on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those law enforcement professionals who, in their years of work, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Bill Jones is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for 16 years as the Commissioner of the Murfreesboro Police Department; and

WHEREAS, having been employed as the Police Commissioner since January of 1987, Bill Jones will retire on August 31, 2003; and

WHEREAS, he joined the Tennessee Highway Patrol in 1957 and quickly rose through the ranks until he was promoted to safety commissioner; he graduated from the FBI National Academy in 1972; and

WHEREAS, his dedication to law enforcement is unquestionable; he has amassed 47 years on the thin blue line that divides order and chaos and protects the people of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Police Commissioner, Bill Jones was responsible for more than doubling the number of employees and the budget of the department; and

WHEREAS, in addition, 37 new programs have been added, including Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.), and significant improvements have been made in the safety of schools and public housing complexes; and

WHEREAS, constantly striving to make policing safer for the officers, Bill Jones implemented many beneficial changes in police cruisers, including mobile data terminals; and

WHEREAS, also a model patriot and servant to his country, Bill Jones served in the United States Navy from 1952-1956 during the Korean conflict; and

WHEREAS, his many professional and personal achievements aside, Bill Jones is perhaps most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Betty, their children, Ed Jones and Patricia Bloomfield, and their three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Bill Jones exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, not merely a dedicated public servant, Bill Jones has long been a trusted leader and friend to those in the Murfreesboro community; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Bill Jones has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues, supervisors, and friends; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Bill Jones on a lengthy and successful career, salute his dedication to the welfare of the people of Murfreesboro, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.